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SUBJECT: POLITICAL AND SECURITY STABILIZATION COUNCIL FORMED

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SUMMARY. PRESIDENT SUHARTO HAS FORMED A NEW HIGH-LEVEL NATIONAL POLITICAL AND SECURITY STABILIZATION COUNCIL WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR ESTABLISHING AND GUIDING POLITICAL AND SECURITY POLICY. NEW COUNCIL WILL BE CHAIRED BY PRESIDENT AND IS COMPOSED OF SELECTED CABINET AND SECURITY OFFICIES. FOLLOWING BASED ON PRESS REPORTS. END SUMMARY

1. NEW NATIONAL POLITICAL AND SECURITY STABILIZATION COUNCIL, WHICH WAS ANNOUNCED FEBRUARY 4, WILL BE CHAIRED BY PRESIDENT, WITH VICE PRESIDENT AS DEPUTY, AND WILL MEET ON SECOND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH. COUNCIL MEMBERS ARE MINISTERS OF DEFENSE AND SECURITY, FOREIGN AFFAIRS, INTERNAL AFFAIRS, JUSTICE. MINISTER OF STATE FOR ECONOMIC, FINANCIAL AND INDUSTRY AFFAIRS (EKUIN) AND HEAD OF STATE PLANNING BOARD (BAPPENAS), CHIEF OF INTELLIGENCE COORDINATING BOARD (BAKIN), CHIEF OF STAFF, COMMAND FOR RESTORATION OF SECURITY
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AND ORDER (KOPKAMTIB), ATTORNEY GENERAL, SECRETARY

OF STATE, AND SECRETARY GENERAL OF NATIONAL DEFENSE
AND SECURITY COUNCIL.

2. NEW COUNCIL IS COUNTERPART OF ECONOMIC STABILIZA-
TION COUNCIL WHICH, ACCORDING ANNOUNCMENT FEBRUARY 4,
WILL CONTINUE TO MEET FIRST AND THIRD TUESDAY EACH
MONTH TO DISCUSS MAJOR ECONOMIC MATTERS. IT WAS
ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT A LIMITED CABINET SESSION WOULD
BE HELD TO DISCUSS PUBLIC WELFARE MATTERS ON FOURTH
TUESDAY EACH MONTH. END UNCLASSIFIED

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3. COMMENT: NEW POLITICAL AND SECURITY STABILIZA-
TION COUNCIL APPARENTLY DESIGNED TO RESTORE SECURITY
AND POLITICAL MATTERS MORE CLOSELY TO CABINET
CHANNELS UNDER DIRECT PRESIDENTIAL CONTROL. IT IS
WORTH NOTING THAT NEITHER FORMER KOPKAMTIB CHIEF SUMITRO NOR
FORNER PRESIDENTIAL ASSISTANTS ALI MURTOPO AND SOEDJONO
HUMARDANI ARE MEMBERS OF NE COUNCIL

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IF NLWIDJOJO IS A MEMBER, ALTHOUGH HIS NORMAL
RESPONSIBILITIES AS MINISTER OF STATE FOR EKUIN AND
BAPPENAS CHIEF ARE OUTSIDE POLITICAL/SECURITY AREA.
THIS MAY REFLECT SUHARTO'S CONTINUING SUPPORT FOR
WIDJOJO NOTWITHSTANDING VIGOROUS CAMPAIGN BY ALITEJURTOPO FORCES TO
DISCREDIT WIDJOJO AND TECHNOCRATS.
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